Activity Directive for Armed Units, the People and Party Members...

Directive, by 06H NAM, undated and unnumbered for activities of all armed units, people, and party members.

After pointing out the pacification program of the Allies, by 9-52 bombings, artillery shelling, political sedition, terror, destruction of crops by the spraying of defoliants, etc., the document lists the Allied losses as follows:

40,000 personnel put out of action since the Dry Season Campaign (Oct 65).

10,000 personnel put out of action since 1 Jan 66 to date. Hundreds of aircraft destroyed.

The principal mission is to thwart the enemy pacification plan, destroy much of the enemy's war potential and expand the liberated areas. To accomplish this long-range mission, the following immediate missions should be completed:

1. Attack deep in the enemy rear (cities, airfields, rear bases, strategic hamlets, etc...).

2. Take the initiative by continuous attacks, conducted by all three types of troops (Guerrilla, local forces, and main force).

3. Construct combat villages and hamlets, strengthen the liberated areas, and counter the enemy sweep operations.

4. Step-up the political struggle movement.

5. Step-up the activities of the chapter which play a very important role in the motivation of the people.

6. Improve the "thought control" in the armed units, party, and populace.

7. Strive for good accomplishment of the assigned missions by the leaders and cadre.
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SUBJECT CHEQ: COMMENTS:

- ANN NUM is listed in the CEDE VC Cover Designation Book of Troops Movement Section, Northern Sub-Region, HR 5 HR.

VC Note 4:

Notebook of an unidentified cadre containing notes on the following:

- Typical battles (raid, ambush, attack of strongpoint, etc...) with sketches and situations.
- Identification of different types of helicopters used by the Allies.
- Intelligence information on Self Defense Corps.
- Intelligence information on the organization of ANN and the personnel strength of Tactical Corps.
- Identification of different types of aircraft used by the Allies.

NO FURTHER EXPLOITABLE INFORMATION.

Reconciled Combat Achievements Report from 2d Company, 50th Battalion.

Reconciled Combat Achievements Report for 1965 from the 2d Company, 50th Battalion:

- General situation of the unit:

  The number and quality of the unit's personnel decreased in April 1965 after the battles in Go Sai, Pau Ray, Cong Rang, etc... Most of the company and platoon cadre were reassigned and replaced by new and inexperienced personnel with a poor knowledge of combat leadership. Eighty recruits assigned during the year have not gone through the guerrilla training. They were new recruits, with no natural standpoint or ideology to cope with the enemy, landlords and feudal classes. Their morale was low. In addition, their training was limited because of the unit's urgent requirements to perform combat missions due to the increase in the number of American and other troops. In strength, weapons, approachment on our land and fierce air strikes. Artillery fire also affected their morale.

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They feared the fierceness of battle, the protracted war and the hardships, and feared the unit's combat mission which was to completely annihilate the enemy on the battlefield.

The rear based enemy massed his troops in concentration areas. The Civil Guard and Self-Defense units were no longer stationed separately. Their structure, fortifications and obstacles were more solid, and their plans were sound, with spontaneous operating procedures and they also had bases of activity in river and stream areas while the villages were separated by rice fields and swamps; all these circumstances caused difficulties for our operations and infiltration of our troops.

However, during 1965, we had the following advantages:

- The leadership of the higher echelons, Province Unit and Battalion and practical and close to the unit's tactical situation.

In a few years of combat and infiltration, the cadre and troops of the unit scored numerous combat achievements, e.g., as in the battles of Cat Chanh, Nuon Phong, Kim Tai, Oc Boi, Phu Rua, Cat Phan, etc. The unit has undergone many tests and has really developed a tradition of overcoming difficulties, sustaining hardships, uniting cadre and troops, gaining the people's confidence and the unit is determined to preserve this tradition.

- Military training:

The unit has gone through the following training (under very difficult conditions) besides the five main skills (attack, develop, pursue, assault and conserve forces).

- Basic: Signal, attack of the group, platoon, and company in a surprise attack.
- Squad and platoon mobile ambush tactics.
- Company in an attack of strongholds.

Platoon cadre received refresher training in leadership, administration, and methods of instruction.

Squad cadres were trained in leadership and methods of directing internal political activity, making observations, commanding, and criticizing mistakes of their men. The 3-man cell leaders were oriented on how to conduct their cell activity, and teach the men how to face and overcome difficulties.
Combat achievements:

Although during 1965, the unit (34 Company 50th Battalion) suffered heavy casualties, it succeeded in putting out of action 679 enemy soldiers, including 43 Americans and 4 South Koreans, in 21 battles, 11 surprise attacks, 6 counter-attack operations, 1 mobile ambush and, 1 interception of enemy reinforcement that resulted in:

- 460 enemy soldiers killed
- 172 captured
- 42 wounded
- 184 weapons seized, including 11 RPGs, 1 60mm mortar, 10 MGs, 8 Thompson submachine guns, 21 Sarad rifles, 3 Colt pistols, 137 CBTs and 8 MGs (destroyed).

- 280 mortar rounds
- 25,000 cartridges of various types
- 20 boxes of ammunition
- 555 grenades
- 50 rifle grenades
- 2 radio sets
- 2 telemarkers
- 1 HT
- 2 telemophones
- 1 ERC 10 radio
- 56 motorcycles
- 3 communications
- 12 bicycles

- Shoot down 8 helicopters and damaging 2 others.

On the average, each man killed 6 enemy soldiers. Also for every 10 soldiers killed, 3 weapons were captured.

Promotions:

- 14 soldiers were promoted to Assistant Squad Leaders positions.

- 17 Assistant Squad Leaders to Squad Leader.

- 14 Squad Leaders to Assistant Platoon Leaders.

- 3 Platoon Leaders to Company Executive Officer.

- 2 Company Executive Officers to Company Commander.
Among the above cadre, there were some who got very fast promotions, as Comrade Thao who was Assistant Squad Leader in early 1965 and now promoted to Company Executive Officer, Comrade Minh from Company Leader to Platoon Leader and Comrade Chinh from private to Squad Leader. In addition, 58 men received Letters and Certificates of Commendation from the Province and Regiment.

- Employment of Party and Labor Youth Group Members:
  - Party members: 24
  - Group members: 43

The remaining information contained in this document was descriptions of various battles conducted by the unit.

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**Item #1:**

Travel Order, dated 28 May 1966, signed by PHIN NA Mai, leader of 16th Platoon, 921st Company, 416th Battalion (Bi Trang), authorizing LE DINH CAN, leader of this unit, to move to the Military Office Committee of Bi Trang Province units.

**Item #2:**

Letter and photo from LE DINH HUNG, Dien Bien Phu, Dong Hoa Village, Dong Son District, Diên Biên Province, to his son LE DINH CAN, LBH 17339, 8318, C.251.

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